

## Reading Minute: Summary of a non-fiction current event article

Purposes: To encourage reading non-fiction articles about a current event in our world.

To practice reading strategies for non-fiction articles and to write a summary of an article

To share and discuss current events (oral presentation)

### Procedure:

1) Find an article about a current event (happened within 30 days) that is appropriate for discussion in a 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. (IF your choice is not appropriate, you will be asked to do the assignment again.) **You may use one of the sites listed below, or an appropriate article from a local newspaper.**

<http://www.timeforkids.com/news>

<https://www.dogonews.com/>

<http://magazines.scholastic.com/>

<http://newsela.com/>

2.) Read the article. Print the article from the web or save the page from the newspaper.

3.) Summarize the article into a written report. Also, write your opinion about the topic in one paragraph that uses information from the article to support your opinion. The entire report should take you **3-5 minutes to read** aloud. Write it neatly on white lined paper or type it and print it out. Make sure you have included:

\_\_\_\_ Author's name                      \_\_\_\_ Title of article

\_\_\_\_ Name of the source                \_\_\_\_ Key people

\_\_\_\_ Important dates                    \_\_\_\_ Event(s)

\_\_\_\_ Your opinion of the article ( -one paragraph)

\_\_\_\_ Support your opinion with evidence from the text.

4.) **Practice reading your report aloud** and time it. Make sure that you can pronounce all the words and that you know what they mean. Edit and make adjustments as necessary.

5.) Bring the original article and your report to class **the day it is due**. You will present your event to the class by reading your report aloud. You may provide visuals (pictures or graphs or maps)

6.) Read your summary aloud to the class. The class may want to ask you questions about the topic, so be prepared.

### Grade:

20points: Summary of non-fiction article took 3-5 minutes to read.

60 points: Summary is neatly written or typed, makes sense, includes all the important details in the check list above (step number 3)

20 points: Presenter is prepared on the due date.